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Community House On The Way Up

Sitting behind his desk at Southwest Neighborhood Community House, Executive Director Clinton Anderson can look up at a hole in the ceiling of his office. The hole is a constant reminder of the financial strains of the organization. Since 1991, when Anderson was hired, he and board members have been struggling to recover from the loss of funding which occurred as a result of management problems in 1987.

Anderson, himself, may be one of the most important assets of the organization in that struggle. Board member Eva Stewart said, "We hardly have any money. Even though he's working without sufficient financial resources, he never complains. He smiles all the time, and he listens."

A conversation with Anderson is an experience in positive thinking. Ideas and plans pour out of him. He said, "This is one of the few neighborhoods in the city where the haves and the have-nots live side by side. But, rich and poor should meet in places other than the Safeway. I hope the Southwest Neighborhood House can become a place for everyone in the community."

More specifically, Anderson believes the community has a wealth of experience that could be used to help provide its young people a chance for productive lives. "We have retired judges, social workers, lawyers, teachers. They all could serve as mentors. One of the challenges of this job is to motivate people who have succeeded to give back to the community."

"Adults are falling through the cracks. Men between the ages of 18 and 35 are often written off, but they can still make a meaningful contribution. Kids need meaningful employment. They need jobs in places like property management firms that will give them hope for their futures."

Anderson came home when he accepted the position of executive director. Hew grew up in the Takoma Park section of the District of Columbia and went to California, where he graduated from Loma Linda University with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and later did graduate work at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

For 17 years, he worked in various organizations throughout the country, experiences which, he says, groomed him for his present position and were always directed toward helping people become more independent. He helped organize tenant councils, was a case manager at a mental hospital, an assistant director at a juvenile facility, and has done outreach and public relations for organizations including the Red Cross and the National Council of Negro Women.



SWCH Director, Clint Anderson with twins who participate in the afterschool homework program at the house.

Despite limited resources, the Southwest Neighborhood Community House provides services such as emergency food and home visits to up to 500 people per year. Stewart said, "He has certainly interested more young people in coming to the House." Anderson points to the Successsteers, an eight-week program that educates both kids and their mentors, as one of his favorite efforts.

He is a single parent, raising two young daughters. He says, "They are both very proud of what I do and keep me motivated. My oldest daughter wants to be a social worker or a nurse and tells her friends, 'My father's a director.'" Despite the hole in the ceiling and all it represents, Anderson still looks forward to going to work each day. Individual success stories keep him going. He says, "We had one young lady who began her involvement with the agency in 1978 when she was four years-old. In many ways, she's a product of the agency. She was involved with teen activities and used the clothes from our fashion bag. We helped her process the forms for scholarships and loans. She went across the country to Sante Fe State College, but she still writes and comes back to volunteer when she's home."

Anderson is recruiting volunteers from Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia for programs in the fall. But, he is particularly eager for help from residents of Southwest and is looking for help with fund-raising and volunteers to serve as mentors. He says, "A community organization is only going to be what the community allows it to be." Call him at 488-7210 for more information, or to set up an appointment for him to speak to a local group.

by
Kate Mulligan

ANC NEWS

At its June 14, 1993 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Began with a moment of silence in memory of DC Council Chairman John Wilson and neighborhood volunteer Thelma Martin.
2. Received a briefing from Armida Viez about pending utility company rate increase requests and the role of the Office of Peoples' Counsel; Pepco rep gave a brief response.
3. Heard Ward 2 Manager Beverly Thomas describe the Recreation Department programs and answer complaints about recreation fields and facilities.
4. Agreed to look into resident complaints: (1) that some waterfront restaurants had blocked full public access to the pedestrian promenade, and (2) that Waterside Towers apartments might be violating the moratorium on converting apartments to hotel use.
5. Tabled a resolution, for the second time, on possible community use for Syphax Elementary School, after refusing a move to reconsider and rescind its support for closing the school.
6. Confirmed its May decision to grant a \$100 to the Library Theatre for its summer program at the SW Branch Library.
7. Appointed an ad hoc committee to prepare testimony on proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan that would affect the 2D area.
8. Reaffirmed its interest in submitting a grant proposal to promote community participating in the planning for Buzzard Point, and voted to request the DC Council for the required authorization to seek outside funding.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, July 12, 1993 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The agenda, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes: a visit by Betty Hager Francis, Director, Dept. of Public Works; a proposal to rename the District Building or the adjacent street in memory of John Wilson; report from the task force on Project 2020; and an update on standing committees.

SW Neighborhood Assembly Meet

The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will meet at the SW Branch Library on Monday, June 28th at 6:30 pm.

The main business of the meeting will be the election of officers for the Southwest Community council. The SWCC is composed of people from the SWNA and the community and is the non-profit part of the Assembly. Nominations will be from the floor.

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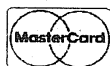
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A TRIBUTE TO JOHN WILSON

by **Thelma D. Jones**
Former President, SWNA
at the Annual Fundraiser of the
Southwest Youth Activities Task Force
Wednesday, May 25, 1993

When I think of John, I am reminded of the proverb "that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." John gave unselfishly of his time, influence, persuasiveness and financial support to Southwest and the metropolitan area at large. His contributions to the growth and development of Southwest and our city will definitely mark him as a true champion and great citizen in the best of traditions.

John's special concern for the well being of others, especially the youth in Southwest is evident in his regular participation of the Southwest Community-Wide Black History Program; his continuous financial and moral support for the Southwest Scholarship Fund; and his ardent support in many ways for the employment and fundraising efforts of the Southwest Youth Activities Task Force. In addition to these contributions, John still found the time and energy to serve, work, and led the City Council while simultaneously shouldering countless pains and burdens with grace and dignity. He was a tower of strength and a strong force for this community and the city as well.

He rarely said "no" to us, and when a "no" response was necessary, it was only because of the demands on his time, and certainly not because of the lack of interest or concern for the event. His track record clearly indicated that educating our youth and providing them with greater opportunities was one of his many priorities as both our Ward 2 Representative, and more recently, as the City Council Chairman.

If one's life is determined by what we give, John's legacy has taught us a lesson from the book of courage. He demonstrated what it was like to be a person of courage and integrity. Raised by his adoptive parents, he attended the University of Maryland and later joined the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, or SNCC as it is called. John ventured into dangerous areas of the civil rights movement where no one else had the courage to go. These challenges with the movement helped tremendously to shape his life and his regard for the life and work of others.

Let us stop and take a close look at our lives, our goals and how we plan to accomplish them. Like John, we must be courageous and represent the embodiment of what is both good and moral and then dare to go and do what others lack the courage to do. We can take the words of his

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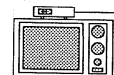
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favorite song that "My Living Shall not be in Vain" and commit ourselves from this day forward to have a sense of responsibility and purpose in life and to give unselfishly of our time and efforts to our schools, families and communities.

The shock of his death is visibly and profoundly felt by our community and the metropolitan area at large. Our prayers and thoughts, naturally, are with Bonnie, his widow. All of us will miss John and the inspiration and courage he shared with us through the years.

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When Thurgood Marshall Dropped By

"When Thurgood Marshall visited our house, I was just a little girl like this," said Mirima Hughes Raymond of Capital Park, holding her hand about as high as her dinner table, "and what I can remember is his being tall and handsome, his wife beautiful and well dressed, and the room fragrant with her perfume," she told the *Southwester*.

Mrs. Raymond recalls from her childhood contact that lawyer Thurgood Marshall was part of an impressive couple with his fashionable first wife. She was known affectionately as Buster. It was after Buster's death that Marshall remarried. The Marshalls occasionally dropped by the Hughes's house for an impromptu visit and when there were law suits in progress, and strategy to be discussed.

He was one of a coterie of black lawyers, many of whom kept up a running discussion of anti-segregation strategy. Sometimes they met at the Hughes's summer home in Gaithersburg, then a farming community. Hughes was the attorney for Baltimore's National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People. Thurgood Marshall worked with her father in Warner McGwinn's law office for five years. The man later appointed to the highest court in the U.S. got his civil rights background right from the start with McGwinn along with Mrs. Raymond's father because her father, William Alfred Carroll Hughes, who helped desegregate Baltimore city schools, won cases to equalize black and white teachers' salaries, cases to gain official recognition for black social workers, used the law to force the state library in Baltimore-- Enoch Pratt Free Library -- to accept blacks for training as librarians, and Hughes was at the center of the successful legal battle to invalidate protective realty covenants that prevented blacks from buying houses whites didn't want them to occupy. Invalidation of restrictive covenants is now national law, implementing in 1948 [Shelly vs. Kramer in the U.S. Supreme Court] the principles Hughes had espoused for many years. In the teachers' case the Hughes team included William Hastie, Thurgood Marshall and Leon Ransome.

Hughes began his law practice in 1931. In his first year he made public appearances to rally people against a lynching-- the case at that time was the lynching of Matthew Williams in Salisbury, Maryland. He also advocated that blacks should spend their money where they were allowed to work. He later was a prominent boycott leader against businesses which discriminated in employment, and in other ways, against blacks.

Along the way they worked successfully to integrate the law school at the University of Maryland.

Almost as soon as he started lawyering, he became counsel of the Young People's Forum, a forerunner of the NAACP Branch in Baltimore. In 1935 he became chief counsel of Baltimore's NAACP, continuing that work 37 years until his death. Hughes was in the school desegregation fray that made Baltimore the first Southern city to desegregate public schools after the famous Brown vs. Board of Education decision in the Supreme Court in 1954. He fought police brutality for over 30 years, including raids on homes in black neighborhoods where police moved without warrants. Hughes won more than 30 NAACP cases for Marylanders.

Thurgood Marshall's legal work straight out of law school was in McGwinn's and Hughes's office. After he left that office he had only two employers, the NAACP where he was the chief lawyer, and the U.S. government, where he was a circuit court judge, solicitor general, and Supreme Court justice. He was in the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund when he made history in 1954, winning the school desegregation case, Brown vs. Board of Education in Kansas. Another Southwester, Howard Law Dean Wiley Branton, similarly worked successfully against segregation in

Little Rock, Arkansas, schools. As recent news accounts reminded Southwesterners, Justice Marshall, too, lived in Southwest D.C.

Mrs. Raymond remembers her father's gently leading her to desegregate Baltimore city parks. One of them, Druid Hill Park, was only a few steps from her family's house at 2547 McCullough Street. Her father would take her by the hand to the park and quietly suggest that she drink at a public water fountain. Sometimes he would suggest that she enjoy the children's swings. In retrospect, Mrs. Raymond believes that, during a moment in Baltimore's history when custom was in some ways paying less attention to its statutory segregation of blacks and whites, that her father would have been satisfied to go to court on her behalf if someone gave her trouble for drinking from a public fountain.

Talking to Mrs. Raymond, one gains an intimate insight into the highly educated, highly enterprising black culture that turned this country around by defeating Jim Crow. Their generation, and the generations they led and trained, gave hope people around the world suffering from racial discrimination. There is little question that the success of their civil rights work in the U.S. has been an inspiration in South Africa, in Western Europe and, lately, in the Middle East, where women in many countries, Palestinians, Ethiopians, Kurds, and other groups are saying some of the same words with which lawyer Hughes, Marshall, and their cohort addressed recalcitrant discriminators as the black legal leadership moved, case by case, toward making the U.S. fairer and richer by reason of the skills and contributions it freed to enter mainstream society.

Lawyer Hughes attended Mott Elementary School, Armstrong Junior High, Dunbar High School, all in D.C. then moved on to Morgan Academy, and graduated from Lincoln University in 1926. His law degree came from Boston University. He opened offices on St. Paul Street in Baltimore, and when the developers eyed that property moved to Dolphin Street and, displaced again by development, transferred his office to Baltimore's Pennsylvania Avenue.

One of the reasons that, as a child, he moved back and forth between Baltimore and Washington was that his father was minister in the Methodist Church, which regularly circulates its ministers among congregations. To illustrate the heritage that Marshall shared with Hughes one need only know that lawyer Hughes's father held an elevated position in the church, District Superintendent, and when the black and white methodists unified he became the first black elected bishop in the unified Methodist Episcopal Church.

He made frequent trips into the South on church business and, inevitably, was involved in work to advance racial justice.

So William Hughes was not pioneering new family territory when he began his law career. But he moved the progress ahead significantly. Hughes was the junior partner in a law office with Robert McGwinn, who in one strategy conference suggested to Marshall that he join the firm. And out of the same Hughes firm came lawyer John Hargrove, now a judge in Baltimore.

Hughes believed in the two-party system of elections in the U.S. He ran as a Republican for a judgeship, partly to spell out in his personal behavior his belief that judges should be elected, not appointed. He ran as a Republican when most blacks were Democrats, because of President Franklin Roosevelt's building blacks into the coalition supporting FDR's New Deal and, maybe more important, was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's widely disseminated affirmative action views on black enterprise. Hughes was not elected, though he had reason to think his relation to Thurgood Marshall's career might help.

Lawyer Marshall once referred to Miriam Hughes as a 'spit' -- a spitting image of her father, a man of movie star handsomeness. Miriam didn't take racial discrimination lightly. At one moment in 1955 at a department store fashion show in Baltimore, where she was free to look at the fashions and spend her money, she was not allowed, as a black, to try on a bathing suit, intimate apparel, or a hat. She and a girl friend marched up to the department store president's office to give him a polite but urgent earful of what, of course, later, he had to acknowledge as the way commerce should be run in this country.

Miriam sat in at lunch counters and was part of the movement that changed the way people regard each other.

Mrs. Raymond remembers Thurgood Marshall's father, because he visited Marshall's brother, Cyrus, who lived on McCullough Street in Baltimore. Cyrus Marshall might be remembered partly because of his famous brother, but Mrs. Raymond treasures his memory for the ice cream cones he bought the children. It was a well-knit community. She remembers Mr. Cyrus Marshall making sure that World War II blackouts were enforced in the neighborhood, not an idle enterprise, since U-boats were using city lights all along the Atlantic Coast to silhouette Allied war materials freighters, of which they sank hundreds.

Mrs. Raymond graduated from Morgan State College an English major and went on to Coppin State for her teacher training. She did work in early childhood education at Trinity College. Her teaching career took her to Southeast D.C.'s Lucy Morton School, to Meyer Elementary, and, when Julius Hobson shook up the racial discrimination in the D.C. schools, she was transferred to Lafayette School in Northwest. All told, she was an educator for 23 years in D.C. schools and 4 years in Baltimore.

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Day Care with Feeling

All parents who are grappling with the question "should I return to work or stay home with my toddler" should go to visit the Creative Child Development Center in the HUD Building. Quality care, which is associated with the kind of nurturing "only family can give a child" can be found at CCDC.

The center has been around since 1978. This year it is beginning the accreditation process with the National Association for the Education of Young Children or the NAEYC. Call 708-1935 and talk to the center's director, Jill Todd. She'll be glad to provide you with lots of information about the center.

The children participate in a developmental and educational program under the guidance of highly professional and qualified teachers, assistant teachers and teachers aides. The program includes experiences which contribute to the physical, social, emotional, and intellectual growth of the children. There are specific classrooms for the different levels of maturity. Within each of these rooms are intracenters or areas for distinct activities.

The weekly fee varies for each of the age groups. The range is from \$115 - \$150 a week. Frankly, this high rate is the one major drawback. However, there is tuition assistance. People who recognize the need for good and affordable child care make donations to the center for this specific purpose. The HUD Creative Child Development Center is listed on the Combined Federal Campaign, their number is #7457. This is one of the main ways which the center goes about getting money for tuition assistance. They also receive a percentage of money which is made by the vendors who sell jewelry in the Plaza of the building.

The government is not allowed to give money to them for scholarships. However, HUD is very generous and gives the center a lot of equipment, provides the center with a lot of age-appropriate furnishings; and of course, supplies the space, free of charge to CCDC.

The CCDC is a non-profit center which is run by its board. If you are interested in having your child attend the center, the requirement is "every parent must be a working parent." Call and make an appointment. Should you wish to make a donation, mail it to HUD Creative Child Development, HUD Site, 451 - 7th St., SW, 20024, attn.: Ms. Todd.

Capper in Citywide Track Meet

On Saturday, May 22, Capper Recreation Center participated in the citywide Jesse Owens track meet at Dunbar High Stadium. The winners will represent D.C. in Philadelphia in June. First place winners were: Robert Robinson, 400 meter dash; Rameau Tolley, 100 yard dash; Keith Wilson, 400 meter dash; Charles Garrison, broad jump; Wendell Brent, soft ball throw; Andre Wallace, soft ball throw; Antoine Bynum, broad jump; Dean Clark, 100 yard dash; Charles Holland, 200 meter dash.



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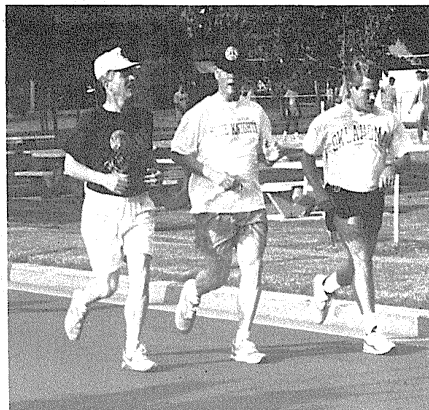
Mark "Too Sharp" Johnson of S.W. beat Alberto Minnez on May 17 at the L.A. Forum. Before the fight, Alberto's record was 24 wins and only 2 losses. Johnson was 14 and 1 with 10 K.O.s. The Mexican champ was heavily favored but Johnson went for 12 rounds and with a decision in the 12th round. He won the World Boxing Association Penta Continental Championship. Mark weighed in at the fight with 112 pounds, the belt weighs 15.

His heart was in S.W. and in boxing. Boys Club #4 which is located at Anthony Bowen School was a part of Mark's growing-up years. He went to Syphax Elementary, Jefferson Junior High School and Eastern High School. He had started in the sport at the age of 5. His trainer was and is his father, Abraham Johnson, a.k.a. as "Ham". When his father is not around, Al Scot and Leonard Langley are his managers. His manager is DeWitt Langley who is Chair. of the Upper 16th Street Tennis Assoc.

Prior to the championship fight, Mark was rated 18th by the Intercontinental Boxing Association and his opponent was rated by the W.B.A. His next scheduled fight will be in July at the L.A. Forum.

There are sixteen groups in boxing which are rated according to weight. They range from Straw weight (not over 104 lbs), Mini Flyweight (108 lbs), Flyweight (112 lbs), Jr. Bantamweight (115 lbs), Bantamweight (118) on up to heavyweight (200 lbs & over). Mark says that he will probably remain in the Flyweight category. When pressed on the matter, he said that he might go up to Bantamweight.

To keep in shape he runs everyday around Haines Point before having breakfast. Later in the afternoon, he goes to either the Sugar Ray Leonard Gym or Finley's Gym. This is done six days a week. The Madness Connection, a clothing store on Georgia Avenue is one of his biggest promoters.



President Clinton with two of his bodyguard.

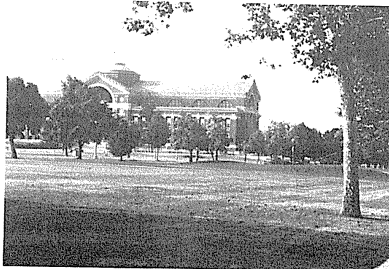
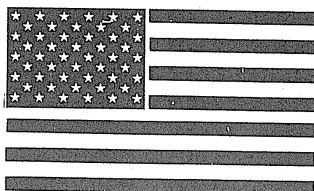
A Stroll Around the Fort

You can see some very interesting sights on an early morning jog around Ft. McNair. The other day Dale McIver went to the fort for an early morning stroll. Fortunately he had his camera, because President Clinton was also there.

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the "public" is invited to jog at the fort. It is a place full of beautiful scenery and it is steeped in history. Actually, Dale had his camera with him so he'd be able to take some of the scenic shots and show them to his friends. He snapped photos of the National Defense University and also of the Washington Channel of the Potomac River with Haines Point across the way.

But not everything in life is planned. Who can plan when a president will appear? Dale was ready, with camera at hand. He snapped the President with some Secret Servicemen and another photo of the photographers and reporters (in White House vans) waiting for Clinton to pass by.

Even when there is no president around, Ft. McNair is a beautiful place. It seems so far removed from the hustle and bustle of the '90's. See you at the fort.



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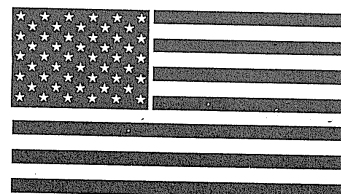
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TOP STUDENTS FROM ANTHONY BOWEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HONORED

Vice Admiral Michael P. Kalleres, U.S. Navy, commander of the Navy's Military Sealift Command, recognized Anthony Bowen Elementary School's top students during a special ceremony at the command's headquarters in Washington, D.C., on June 1.

Awards were presented to the school's valedictorian, Yualanda Collins, and the salutatorian, Aaron Albritton. Other top students earning awards included:

Jerome Bell and Ashleigh Coaxum, first grade; Darryl Head and Serrita Washington, second grade; Antonio Willis and Danielle Mooney, third grade; Harold Crawley and Carmelita Cooke, fourth grade; Columbus Wynn and Peppertina Williams, fifth grade; Mishairi Miller and Christina Harris, sixth grade.

The ceremony capped off a four year partnership between the Navy command and the neighborhood school under the guidelines of the Navy's Personal Excellence Partnership Program. This year more than 60 MSC volunteers provided tutoring, reading and essay contests, role model speakers, and school equipment and supplies from government surplus sources.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT VAN NESS ELEMENTARY

The Mu Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. held a Leadership Development Program at Van Ness Elementary School on May 21, 1993 from 10 am to 3 pm.

The students in attendance were from Van Ness and Tyler Elementary Schools. The Alpha Brothers moderated four concurrent workshops. Interactive discussions were held on Sexual abuse, molestation, and harassment; careers in space exploration; AIDS/STD awareness; and Morals, Values, and ethics. The one hundred students in attendance enjoyed themselves. They learned about many important issues that will be helpful in their development into young adults.

Alpha Brother Community Service Committee Chairman, Alan C. Wiley, states, "Our chapter is committed to serving as role models and mentors to children in the District of Columbia. It is very important that young black males interact with positive black male adults."

CORPS OF VOLUNTEERS HONORED

One of the school closing activities at Anthony Bowen was an assembly to honor the volunteers who had worked with the students all year. On June 9, 1993, the students and staff of Anthony Bowen held a special assembly to "convey our gratitude and appreciation for your service" to over 150 volunteers. Plaques, gifts, flowers and certificates were given to parents and staff from Bowen's Partners in Education, "who had contributed time and ability, without hesitation" to improve the Bowen students.

Daily, volunteers were at Bowen giving of themselves. Parents were always there to assist in anyway possible. It was not unusual to see military as well as civilian personnel reading to, or listening to some child read or sharing a strategy that "really" works in solving a problem in mathematics. Nearly every month, staff members from Military Sealift Command(MSC), of the Washington Navy Yard, conducted contests [such as the Reading Olympics and the Black History Month reading contest], provided speakers, participated in community outreach programs during the holiday seasons, etc. Military and civilian personnel from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) not only arranged field trips, but served as chaperons. Staff members from Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), escorted students during a tour of their "Rain Forest" and participated in an "Earth Day Celebration" with Bowen's students.

Our school year was greatly enhanced by our very willing corps of volunteers. They provided unique learning experiences for all Anthony Bowen Elementary School students.

EPA'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAM WITH AREA SCHOOLS

In the Fall of 1992, a memo was issued by EPA to their employees regarding volunteer opportunities. They identified two elementary schools in Southwest D.C., Bowen and Syphax, as "schools in need." "The principals and teachers welcome our support in helping to provide quality education. EPA employees can contribute in various ways, including serving as mentors, tutors, or classroom speakers." Volunteers were asked to give one lunch hour a week for the purpose of mentoring special students.

The program was a huge success. Both schools are indebted to the EPA for their special support.



OUR FUTURE AT ITS BEST ENROUTE TO EXETER SCHOOL

by Carolyn McCormick

Samira Taylor is a young lady not only SW can be proud of, but Jefferson Jr. High School and the whole of Washington, D.C. as well. However, the Southwest community is extremely proud to call her our own. Her block of L Street is so happy for her success.

Samira is a recent graduate of Jefferson Jr. High School, where she has maintained straight 'A's since entering in the 7th grade. She is a member of the Junior Honor Society, and because she is so special, she has earned the opportunity to travel in Europe, visiting such countries as France and England, venturing to places such as the famous Eiffel Tower and the renowned Notre Dame Cathedral. She has received an award from the "Concerned Black Men of Washington" group, and the "Standout Student of the Year" award during her stay at Jefferson.

She recently worked as a "Stay in School" student and a community volunteer for the Southwest Library. She was what every employee wishes for on the job. She not only did her job, but displayed positive signs of maturity and concern toward work and the public. She always had a pleasant attitude and was always willing to help others who needed her help. Samira would take on the responsibility of training new volunteers and without question would assist the library staff with the younger youth after school, setting an example and helping them, if needed, with their assignments, never ignoring her duties. The youth knew her and when their were eruptions, Samira could assist in quieting the crowd.

Her mom is very hard working, taking care of Samira and her sister. Samira has worked very hard also. And now it's all going to pay off. She has been awarded a scholarship to attend Exeter Boarding School in Southeastern New Hampshire in August.

SYPHAX EPA-DOA Picnic

On Monday, June 14, 1993, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Ft. McNair) co-sponsored a picnic at Ft. McNair for the students from Syphax Elementary School. The students feasted on hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, etc. and played games. A bike was raffled off and the winner was very happy. Mrs. Mary Williams, Principal of Syphax, was awarded with a plaque by Ft. McNair for her cooperation in the Adopted School Program.

Throughout the year, employees of EPA, Ft. McNair, and other organizations dedicated themselves every week to be mentors and tutors for many of the students at Syphax. This picnic ended a very successful joint venture.

Special thanks to the coordinators: Gloris J. Butler, Beverly Randolph, Kennard Jones and Joyce Stewart (EPA) and Sgt. Elton Vrede (Ft. McNair).

A SALUTE TO AMIDON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Amidon Elementary School was acknowledged as a District of Columbia School of Excellence for the 1991-1992 school year. Mrs. Hamlette, the Principal, the principal received the Award on June 7, 1993, at the Arena Stage. Mayor Kelly and the School Superintendent made the presentation. Each staff member received an award for his/her individual contribution to a successful school.

The purpose of the Schools of Excellence Program is to identify and honor the District of Columbia's Outstanding Schools, while encouraging other schools and communities to look to them for ideas and inspiration. To receive recognition, a school must submit an application that passes a rigorous screening and site visit. Each school is evaluated on outcome measures and conditions of effective schooling such as leadership, teaching environment, curriculum and instruction, student environment, parent and community support, and organizational vitality. The Chief State School Officer, Dr. Franklin L. Smith, nominates those schools that best meet this criteria for national recognition. The national program was created by the Secretary of Education in 1982. Every state in the union, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Department of Defense Dependent Schools participate in the program. The program honors elementary and secondary schools in alternate years. During the ten-year history, the Blue Ribbon Schools Program-Schools of Excellence Program has honored 2,351 schools. Seventy-eight schools recognized in earlier years of the program have been successful a second time, demonstrating their unusual ability to continue to strive toward excellence. Come September, the National Education Flag will fly outside Amidon. This is D.C.'s way of saying "this is a special school which we applaud."

The schools which received awards for School Year 1991-1992, were: Amidon Elementary School - Pauline Hamlette, Principal; Bunker Hill Elementary School - Leon D. Scipio, Principal; and Payne Elementary School - Dennis Holmesly, Principal (Gretchen Lofland Principal at time of nomination). The schools which received awards for School Year 1992-1993, were: Dunbar Senior High School - Eva Rousseau, and The Duke Ellington School of the Arts, Martis Davis, Principal.

SCHOLARSHIP INTERVIEWS UNDERWAY

The 1993-1994 SWNA Scholarship interviews have begun. There was lots of interest in the program this year which has resulted in the Committee receiving over 20 completed applications. We want to thank all students who applied. Donations are still being received at POB 70481, checks should be made out to S.W. Community Council.

Long time committee members, Jan Butler and John Butler will be leaving the area. We'll miss their hard work, dedication and support.

Amidon Library Tale-Tellers Win Awards

The following Amidon Library Tale-Tellers received awards for participation in the first annual D.C.R.S. Student Library Media Festival or they are a member of a Successful Video Production Team: Lauren Andrews, Jamal Jones, Albert Williams, Robert Kilpatrick, Jr., and Lamar Harris. Marilyn Moser, Librarian, was sponsor.

TUNE-IN TO BOOKS SUMMER QUEST '93

All children can sign up for the Summer Reading Program. It will be held from June 1, 1993 to August 31, 1993 at your D.C. Public Library branch.

It is simple! Keep track of book titles read. Report them to the librarian. Get stickers and other prizes.

BECAUSE READING IS FUN!

LIBRARY THEATRE PERFORMANCE

Come build a story with Library Theater Summer Storybuilders. This is a "Library Theatre Books Alive" production, presented by the D.C. Public Library. The performance dates are June 28, 1993 through August 10, 1993. All library programs are free.

For more information, call the Library Theater at 727-1151.

SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY CHILDREN'S ROOM PROGRAM LISTING

Preschool Films: Tuesdays at 10 & 11 am.
Preschool Storyhour: Wednesdays, Thursdays at 10 & 11 am.

School-age Films: Thursdays at 4 pm.
Due to furloughs, the Library will be closed on the following days: Friday, July 23, 1993; Friday, August 27, 1993; Friday, September 24, 1993.

Class visits to the Library: teachers are welcome to call us at 727-1381 and schedule a visit or visits to the Children's Room.

Upcoming school specials: July 10, 10 am, Library Theatre.

As we did last year, the storyhours will be taking a vacation in August due to our vacations and planning for next year.

HIRSHORN TO HOST FREE "YOUNG AT ART" WORKSHOPS

"Young at Art," a free, two-hour workshop for children and their families, will be held from 10 am to noon on three Saturdays this summer: June 19, July 10, and Aug. 14-at the Smithsonian's Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Independence Avenue and Seventh Streets, SW.

The workshops are designed to acquaint young children (ages 6-9) with 20th-century art. A variety of activities, among them storytelling, a segment on "Museum Manners" and gallery walkthroughs, explore aspects of paintings and sculptures at the Hirshhorn. A "Please Touch" basket containing artists' materials and textural objects encourages hands-on exploration of art media.

At the end of the workshop, children will have an opportunity to create an object inspired by what they have seen at the Hirshhorn.

"Young at Art," one of the museum's family programs, has been developed by Education Specialist Diane Kidd. For more information or workshop reservations, call (202) 357-3235 or (202) 357-1729 (TTY).

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PAT TURNER-DOBSON 'MANAGING' HER SUCCESS

At the thirteenth annual meeting of the Riverside Condominium Board of Directors, on June 1, 1993, *Resident Manager* Pat Turner-Dobson was awarded a plaque and flowers. These were given in commemoration of 10 years of service in that capacity at the Riverside Condominium, 1425-35 Fourth Street, S.W. Everpresent smile at hand, she approached the podium in the South lobby and warmly greeted the attendees, thanking them for their support, fully aware that June 2, and business as usual, was lurking in the shadows. However, judging by daily life at Riverside, and her approach to dealing with problems realistically and humanely, every day seems to be an anniversary.

A third-generation, native Washingtonian, educated in the DC Public School system, Pat is more than familiar with the inner workings of the city and getting things accomplished. Her entire work experience has been with the federal government, in such agencies as the Atomic Energy Commission, NASA, and the Department of Education.

It was in the late 1970's that Pat decided to pursue a career in Real Estate, starting out at Century-21 Suburban Properties in Waterside Mall. Before coming to Riverside in June, 1983, she was an office assistant at Harbour Square, building her experience in management. She went on to win several accreditations, from the National Society of Professional Resident Managers, the Institute of Real Estate Management, and the Property Management Association. She also earned the "Training and Education for Community Association Managers" designation through the Community Association Institute. A visit to her office reveals a multitude of certificates from these and other noteworthy foundations.



Pat has devoted herself to several activities in our community. As a Vice Chair on the Center for the Aging Board of SE Community Hospital, she has kept in touch with the elderly population and is sensitive to their concerns. She has also been a past officer of the Edgewater Condominium Board of Directors. In addition, she is a lover of Jazz music, and can spot a Coltrane tune from "150 yards on a misty, moonless night." When she can get away for solitude and relaxation, the family home in St. Mary's County, Maryland, is her destination.

Her greatest challenge today, at Riverside, is to balance the diverse needs and concerns of 280 condominium owners/renters. With the aid of assistant Resident Manager Forrest Bolden and a dedicated staff, she is able and continues to meet that challenge.

Another Daddy Poem

Let me tell you about my daddy
One man I dearly love
One man who fought many a battle
Without ever putting on a glove

You see, daddy was not a great big man
He was small boned with features fine
So when he ran into controversy
He had to use his mind

All of us grew bigger than he was
But you would never have known it
Because when we dared think of confronting him
We would quickly decide to forget it

Daddy never had to strike us
His looks alone were bone chilling
So that we could never tell
That he was capable of killing

He took the best care of us
By doing whatever he had to do
No matter what we needed
My daddy always came through

I hope I'm half the person my daddy was
I will always love and remember him
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Feel about me like I feel about him

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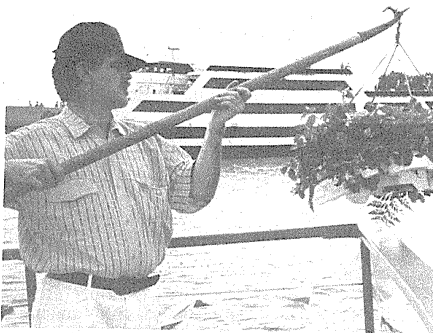
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Blessing of the Fleet Chair, Eric Slaughter opens ceremony by placing traditional wreath of remembrance for sailors who have passed away.



Capt. Bob Pennington on board "Finished Business," has hosted annual Blessing of the Fleet for many years.

"FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH BRIEFS"

We at the Friendship Baptist Church wish to congratulate all graduates. We especially want to congratulate those of you who are leaving town to attend various colleges. We pray that you will take God with you and while you are away, you will unite yourselves with another church. May God Bless all graduates everywhere.

The Southwest community is invited to attend our Vacation Bible School and Youth Week Services June 21st thru 25th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Mr. Daryl Bell, who grew up on Delaware Avenue, across from the Church, is our most capable leader this year along with a great staff. Please come out and join us. We would also like to have some parents join our staff. Your help would be greatly appreciated. **Bring your children - All ages welcome!!**

To open the boating season, more than 150 boats from area yacht clubs and marinas come to the Washington Channel at Gangplank on Sunday, May 16.

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Announcements

The *Southwester* receives many announcements of free (or almost free) happenings. The following is a listing of some of these services.

Womens Self Defense Class will be **July 6-29, Tuesday & Thursday 8-9:30 pm**. Presented by the DC Rape Crisis Center.

Stamp Collectors Club - sell, buy, trade & talk stamps, every **1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 pm** at Christ Methodist Church, 300 Eye St.

Shakespeare on Wheels, University of Maryland Baltimore County's traveling theatre. "The Merry Wives of Windsor" will be at Bluemont Park (Wilson Blvd. & Manchester Rd.) Arlington, VA on **July 7 & 8th at 7:30 pm**

Arthritis Self-Help Course will be **Saturday, June 26th at 1:30-4:00 pm**, \$10, Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Rd., HEC 3184.

Spring Bazaar Barbecue & Bake Sale on **Saturday, June 19 at 10:00-4:00 pm** at St. Vincent de Paul Church, South Capitol & M St., SE.

U.S. Marine Band continues 1993 Summer Concerts on the Mall. Concert Information Line: 433-4011.

The Bethune Museum & Archives, Inc. has begun its summer schedule. It will continue until **Saturday, August 28**. The museum will be open to the public on **Saturdays, 10:00-4:00 pm**. It is at 1318 Vermont Ave., NW. For information, call 332-1233.

Hospice Care of DC needs volunteers. Training dates are **July 13 5:30-7:00 pm, July 14 noon-1:30 pm, & July 15 10:00-11:30 am**. For more info, call 347-1702.

National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross needs clerical volunteers. Anyone interested should call 728-6480.

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

Summer Sunday Worship began at 10 am starting on June 6th and the new time will be effective through Labor Day. Please spread the word.

Pastor Maberry would like to thank the members of St. Matthews Church, for the beautiful cake and flowers presented in honor of his 35th anniversary of ordination.

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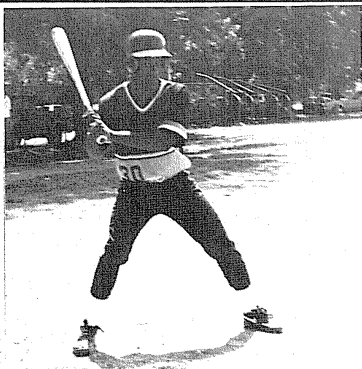
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Jefferson Jr. High wins division championship; Christopher Carroll, a heavy hitter for Jefferson J.H.S.'s baseball team, stands ready at the plate. Jefferson had won the 1993 division championship and faced Francis Jr. High in the playoff.



PLANTS GALORE

What is a sure sign that the Spring planting time is here? The answer is the S.W. Scholarship Fund's Plant Sale. This year, \$530.00 was raised at the sale, which was held on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at Waterside Mall.

The picture was taken early on Saturday morning when the table was set up near the Metro. Business was brisk with so many weekend shoppers.



S.W. EVENTS

June 26, Saturday, Ward 2 Democrats Convention, DC Council Chambers, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave, NW [District Building], 10 am.

June 26, Saturday, Ward 2 Recreation Day, Kennedy Center, 10 am.

June 28, Monday, Southwest Neighborhood Assembly meeting, SW Branch Library, 6:30 pm.

June 29, Tuesday, Ward 2 SAC, AME Church, 6:30 pm.

July 12, Monday, ANC 2D, Westminster Church, 7:30 pm.

Please call C.W. Hargrave at 554-8284 with Southwest events for next month.

Councilman's Comments

by Councilmember Jack Evans

Most people would agree that paying your Visa bill with your Master Card is a dubious practice. It does little to alleviate your debt in the short term and the long term effect could be the loss of both cards.

As simple as this example may sound, it is unfortunately the practice which the D.C. Government has been employing for several years to help meet expenses. Instead of a Visa and Master Card, D.C. uses money explicitly reserved for capital projects (i.e. infrastructure repairs) to pay operating costs (payroll, city services, etc.) The result is an ongoing cycle of overspending while continually pushing D.C.'s debt upward.

This situation recently came under intense scrutiny when the Mayor asked for Council approval of a resolution calling for the sale of more than \$240 million of bonds to fund capital projects -- projects which preserve and improve the City's infrastructure, such as repairs and upgrading of roads, schools, playgrounds and government buildings.

The bond approval is an annual ritual. But this year's process went off-track in early May when the late Council Chairman John Wilson delayed approval and began to question how bond sale proceeds would be spent. What became increasingly clear was that the bond proceeds have not and will not, at least in the short term, be used for the stated purpose of funding capital projects.

City officials readily admit the first use of the bond proceeds will be to supplement D.C.'s cash reserve during the summer months when inflow of revenues is weak. In effect, the bond proceeds would be used as a short term loan to cover operating expenses until D.C. receives an infusion of property tax payments in September.

This shuffling of money is not only poor fiscal management, but is a practice which was to have ceased with the Council's 1991 approval of a \$336 million bond to pay off D.C.'s past debt accumulations and provide enough of a cushion to eliminate the need for future short term loans during seasonal cash flow problems.

Facing the threat of a depleted cash reserve and the possibility of not being able to fund D.C. employee paychecks later in the summer, the Council reluctantly approved this year's capital project bond resolution. However, this process has been important in several ways which I feel will lead to future benefits for the District, including a renewed interest in Bill 10-117, "District of Columbia Financial Accountability and Management Act of 1993."

Introduced in February by Chairman Wilson, Bill 10-117 will provide the structure and discipline needs to improve D.C.'s budgetary concerns. Specifically, the bill calls for monthly reports from the Mayor to the Council on D.C.'s fiscal status, as well as a long term plan and bi-annual public meetings with the Mayor on this topic. During the capital bond discussion,

it was decided to conduct a June 15 public hearing on this bill and attempt to vote on this bill before the Council's summer recess.

Perhaps most beneficial was the public's renewed awareness of D.C.'s fiscal crisis. While most people are aware of the City's ongoing financial problems, often there is not enough public focus on the problem and how it should be addressed. Evidence of this is the skepticism which greeted my efforts during the past budget cycle to enhance the spending and personnel cuts proposed by the Mayor and other Council members. Now more people are aware serious changes must begin to be made in the management of the District.

TUITION GRANTS FROM A.U.

The American University College of Arts & Sciences is offering partial tuition grants for Washington, D.C. public school teachers to take selected courses in mathematics, statistics, biology, chemistry, physics, and education.

These professional development grants are available to active, substitute, or furloughed teachers (grades K through 12) in the District. Undergraduate and graduate courses are offered late afternoons and evenings during fall and spring semesters.

Priority consideration will be given to those who apply prior to August 1. This program was established by the College of Arts & Sciences to provide professional development opportunities at reduced cost for D.C. teachers.

For more information, call the University Programs Advising Center, at 202-885-2500.

SEPTEMBER 14TH SPECIAL ELECTION IS SCHEDULED

The District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics has scheduled a special election for Tuesday, September 14th, 1993, to fill the remainder of John Wilson's term as Chairman of the D.C. Council--which expires on January 2, 1995.

The D.C. Charter requires that a Special Election to fill the unexpired term must be held on the first Tuesday occurring more than 114 days after the Board of Elections certifies that a vacancy exists. The Charter further provides that the Council must choose, from among the At-Large members, a person to serve in the capacity of Chairman until the election can be held. The winner of the Special Election will take office on the day that the Board certifies the election results.

Petitions for candidates in the special election became available on Wednesday, May 26th, and must be filed by Wednesday, July 7th. To appear on the ballot, a candidate must collect the signatures of 3,000 registered voters.

Under District law, no party primaries are held to nominate candidates when a vacancy occurs in a public office. All candidates seeking to fill the vacancy compete against together in the **single Special Election**, with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes elected to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. **More than one candidate of the same party may appear on the ballot.** Candidates will be listed with their party affiliation next to their names on the ballot, with the non-affiliated candidates designated as "independent".

The Board of Elections has also ordered that Initiative #37, The Nuclear Disarmament and Economic Conversion Constitutional Amendment Proposal Act of 1992" be placed on the September 14th ballot. This initiative was certified by the Board on August 27th, 1992 to appear on the next citywide primary, general, or special election ballot occurring more than 90 days after the Board's certification. The September 14th Special Election is, thus, the first election where the measure can be presented to voters.



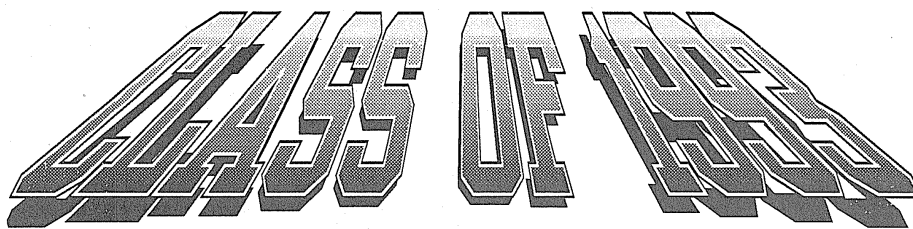
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ages 12 and under.**

SWCC, INC. Summary Statement of Receipts & Disbursements			
Jan. 1, 1992 thru Dec. 31, 1992			
[Unaudited]			
RECEIPTS			
CONTRIBUTIONS		\$ 989825	
GRANTS		2066261	
FUND RAISING		521310	
INTEREST INCOME		249903	
ADVERTISING		765800	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 4593099
DISBURSEMENTS			
PROGRAMS -			
YOUTH TRAINING/EMPLOYMENT		\$ 686822	
SCHOLARSHIPS		1427000	
BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB ORIOLES OUTING		13800	
GREENLEAF CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY		34000	
SOUTHWESTER PUBLICATION		1357268	\$ 3518890
ADMINISTRATIVE -			
ACCOUNTING		100000	
INSURANCE		85000	
CONSULTANTS		737000	
TELEPHONE/FAX		48063	
POSTAGE, PO BOXES, POSTAGE PERMIT		59152	
MEMBERSHIP DUES		18000	
RENT FOR MEETINGS SPACE		55000	
TRANSPORTATION		6577	
COPIES		22907	
AWARDS - US SAVINGS BONDS		63745	
SUPPLIES		28338	
PRINTING		78932	
OTHER		71543	
RECEPTION/ENTERTAINMENT/PINIC		64269	
FLOWERS/SUPPLIES		24770	
BANK CHARGES		16719	
UNIFORMS/ORANGE HATS		13260	
MISCELLANEOUS		9095	1502370
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			5021260
NET SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)			\$ (428161)
REVIEWED BY:			
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EXHIBIT C			
SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL INC.			
Margaret Feldman, President			
Dale MacIver, Secretary			
Lonnie Murray, Treasurer			
Copies of the SWCC Financial Statements are in the SW Library			

THE WAR AGAINST BREAST CANCER

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

*38 percent of African American Women and 25 percent of White American women with breast cancer will not live 5 years.

*80 percent of women diagnosed with breast cancer have no known risk factors.

*Breast cancer is the leading cause of death for women 40-44 and the leading cause of cancer deaths in women 15-54.

*182,000 women will be diagnosed this year and 46,000 will die: equivalent to a Vietnam War a year.

The Greater Washington Area Breast Cancer Coalition is collecting signatures in support of the National Breast Cancer Coalition's '93 Campaign. They will collect 2.6 million signatures which represent the number of women in this country living with breast cancer-diagnosed and undiagnosed. The goal for the District of Columbia is 8,500 signatures.

These signatures will be delivered to President Clinton in mid-October when we will demand that breast cancer be declared a National Health Emergency and that a Comprehensive Strategic Plan be developed by the Administration to eradicate this insidious disease.

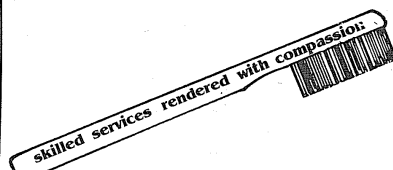
HOW CAN YOU JOIN THIS EFFORT?

*Call the Coalition Hotline at 1-800-854-4474 and send a mailgram to President Clinton [at GWA-NBCC, PO Box 66373, WDC 20035]. A 6.75 charge will appear on your phone bill--1.00 will be donated to the National Coalition when you use the 800 number.

*Sign the Petition--these are most valuable with a personal message. For petitions and sample letters, call 202-296-7477.

*Get involved. Collect signatures from family, friends, clubs, churches. We need everyone's help to be successful.

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AT THE LIBRARY

Summer Quest - Summer Reading Program is in progress. All children are invited to join the program by signing up with the Children's Librarian. This program is designed to get children reading all summer long and runs from June 1st-August 31st. The theme this year is TUNE-IN TO BOOKS. Simply read the books, keep track of the titles by reporting them to the Librarians, get a sticker, and win great prizes!

The Library Theatre, which brings books alive through drama, dance and music, will be here at the Southwest Branch Library on July 22nd, at 10 am. All are invited.

For information about other programs this summer, please call Children's Librarians at (202) 727-1381 or 1382.

SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY COUNCIL, INC. BALANCE SHEET			
ASSETS			
December 31, 1992 [Unaudited]			
CASH IN BANK -			
WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK-OPERATING ACCOUNT		\$ 375236	
WASHINGTON FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		2898819	
AMERICAN SECURITY BANK-OPERATING ACCOUNT		1577463	
AMERICAN SECURITY BANK-CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT		362193	
TOTAL ASSETS			\$ 5213711
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
FUND BALANCE			\$ 5213711
EXHIBIT A			